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1. An elementary military training school is in operation at Yongsong-ni (approximately 125-51, 39-09), Pusan-ryon (釜山郡), Taedong (大洞) County, near Sopo (125-46, 39-07) on the Man-po main railway. The course is three months. About seven hundred youth recruited through advertisements or special channels are enrolled. No special technical training is given.

2. A school for company commanders was established at People's Army headquarters in May 1950.

3. Since the People's Army uses Japanese, Soviet, Chinese, and American-made weapons, its soldiers are trained to handle numerous different makes and models. Soldiers are encouraged to develop their abilities with weapons by propaganda to the effect that they have the advantage of versatility over the South Korean forces, which are familiar with only American-made weapons and are unable to manufacture new armament for themselves. Both officers and men of the regular army and students in colleges and middle schools are given training in handling rifles and heavy arms and in performing simple repairs on their equipment. Specially assigned officers direct a weekly target practice for all.

4. Among the weapons with which the North Korean troops are familiar are the following:

- Japanese-made weapons: Model 38 infantry rifle, Model 44 carbine, Model 11 light machine gun and trench mortar.
- Chinese-made weapons: cylinder-type rifle, Model 99 Manchukuo rifle, and Chinese machine gun.
- American-made weapons: Carbine, M-1 rifle, water-cooled heavy machine gun.
- Soviet-made weapons: Soviet rifle, automatic rifle (with 72 and 35 shot magazine clips -- maximum firing range 800 meters, target range 400 meters), light machine gun (600 shots per minute, with attached

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40-shot magazine, maximum firing range 3,500 meters, target range 1,000 meters), and for artillery pieces, the 120-mm, 82-mm, 76-mm, 45-mm, and 12-mm (?) trench mortar.

e. Czech-made light and heavy machine guns.

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